



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

April 30, 2014

Mr. Jon Pierce
Chair, Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Pierce,

With reference to the letter on the Environmental Review Board (EIRB) registry dated February 28, 2014, and as envisioned under section 4.1.3 of the EIRB's "Environmental Impact Review Guidelines" and section 3.2.1 and Appendix B of the EIRB's "Rules of Procedure," the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) would like to declare its intention to participate in the environmental review proceedings for the Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program.

NRDC is an internationally recognized environmental organization dedicated to conservation of the Earth's vital natural resources. For many years, the work of our Arctic and Canada Project and the entire Arctic Team have advocated for a precautionary approach to development activity in the fragile and pristine ecosystems of the far northern latitudes. Our science and community-based work has sought to empower indigenous communities, preserve endangered species, and ensure that development interests do not trump environmental risks.

As a "registered participant" in the EIRB's environmental review proceedings, NRDC's aim is to provide its expertise and experience with Arctic offshore drilling operations to ensure that the Developer's environmental review is as detailed and robust as possible. Given that any oil and gas development in the Canadian Beaufort Sea has the potential to have significant environmental impacts to U.S. waters and to U.S. lands, and could influence future U.S. development plans in the area, NRDC believes that its perspective and expertise will prove useful to the EIRB's review of this project proposal.

Danielle Droitsch will be the representative for NRDC during the review proceedings. Danielle can be reached via email at ddroitsch@nrdc.org or by phone at 202-513-6243.

Thank you for your consideration of NRDC's request. We look forward to participating in the EIRB's environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Danielle Droitsch
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